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The Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work aims to place an object lesson in better farming in every community; to show the farmer how to build up and maintain soil fertility and get more returns for labor expended; to instruct him how to produce more of the home necessities on the farm, and to grow larger yields per acre at less expense; in other words, help the farmer to adopt a system that will place his business upon a permanent and successful basis.

The Department is cooperating with the Agricultural College and with other organizations and agricultural workers of each state and wishes to continue doing so and in this way reach in time all the farmers of the state.

J. A. Evans

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Directors of Extension.

Dr. True has asked for the formal calling of a conference of the Directors in the fifteen Southern States to meet at Washington, D. C., April 7th, 8th and 9th. I write now to assure you that no program is contemplated. Matters to be taken up will mainly be the projects, budgets and finances for the year beginning July 1, 1919, the method of doing business for the balance of this fiscal year, and a few other matters which need rearranging between the Extension Divisions and the various Bureaus and Departments.

Yours very truly,

Bradford Knapp
Chief

COUNTY AGENT AND HOME DEMONSTRATION MEETINGS ETC.
COLLEGE SHORT COURSES AND FAIRS.

ALABAMA

The report of the Alabama Home Demonstration Work shows that it compares most favorably with that of any of the Southern states. The supervisory staff of this state is just half as large as those of other states. The Birmingham Kitchen and the work done there ranks first of its kind in the South.

The Alabama Educational Association will be held at Mobile April 3rd to 5th.

Montgomery has been chosen for the place of the meeting of the Southern Cattle-men's Association for next year and John D. Eldredge of Gregory, Arkansas, has been elected president. Columbia has already put in a claim for the meeting for the year after the one at Montgomery.

At a meeting held at Birmingham, the Association of the Southern Agricultural Workers for this year elected the following officers: Dr. Tait Butler, president; Thomas Cooper, vice-president; Dan T. Gray, secretary; W. R. Dodson, member of executive committee:

Southern Agricultural Workers Extension Section, Mr. Jesse M. Jones, Blacksburg, Va., chairman; E. S. Pace, secretary; Agronomy Section, C. A. Mooers, chairman; R. Y. Winders, secretary; Animal Husbandry, E. S. Good, chairman; G. S. Templeton, secretary; Horticulture, G. C. Starcher, chairman; E. T. White, vice president; T. H. McHatton, secretary.

Hog sales will be held in Alabama on regular days during April. Union Springs sale on April 8th and 22nd; Enfaula Sales on April 13th and 17th. etc.

ARKANSAS

The Home Demonstration agents will meet in Fayetteville on May 8th to 10th, choosing the time that the members of our supervising force will be there. The agents will then return to their various districts and hold the regular district meetings during the last three weeks in May.

Mr. P. J. Tull, specialist from Arkansas is assisting the county agents to form shipping associations which will specialize in the shipping and marketing of live-stock.

ARKANSAS (cont'd)

Three new specialists with headquarters at Little Rock, will now be associated with the Agricultural Extension Service: Mr. D. H. Watson and Mr. L.S. Case, Beef Cattle specialists, and Mr. Arthur W. Boyer, publicity extension work.

Mr. Cottrell, agriculturist of the Profitable Farming Bureau of Little Rock, delivered four addresses urging the farmers of Arkansas to plant velvet beans with every acre of corn. Mr. E. C. Randall, county agent, will assist in this work by distributing the velvet bean seed among the farmers.

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

Dr. Knapp has appointed three colored men as field representatives of the demonstration work among their people in the South. Agent T. M. Campbell for Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Tennessee; agent J. B. Pierce of Hampton Institute, for Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina; agent E. C. Blackshear of Prairie View, Texas, for Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Dr. H. C. Taylor, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics in the College of Agriculture, Wisconsin, has been appointed by Secretary Houston as chief of the Office of Farm Management.

Mr. Francis W. Peck of the University of Minnesota, Farm Economist in the Office of Farm Management, will have charge of the studies and investigations relating to the cost of production data.

The National Grange Headquarters are now established in Washington. This Office is in charge of Thomas C. Atkeson, former dean of the West Virginia State College of Agriculture and former chairman of the executive committee of the National Grange. Mr. A. M. Loomis, his assistant, is located in the Fireman's building, 7th & La. Ave.

The Executive Fertilizer Committee of the National Fertilizer Association has adopted a uniform sized bag: Southern states 200 pounds, alternative 100 pounds; Middle Western states 125 pounds, alternative 157 pounds.

The Labor Commission has decided to recommend the first meeting of the International Conference to be held in Washington, in October.

A conference will be held by the Department of Labor under the auspices of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor in Washington, D. C. on May 6th.

The Secretary of Agriculture has appointed Thomas H. McDonald, Engineer in immediate charge of the work under the Federal Aid Road act.

Hon. Clyde B. Aitchison has been elected chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission for one year, effective March 17th.

"Reports from farm Help specialists of the Department indicate that large numbers of returning soldiers and sailors are taking up work on the farms. During the last two years the labor shortage on the farms has been such that these young men are welcomed by the agricultural people and given every opportunity and encouragement to take up agricultural work.

The Official standard for oats established; effective June 16th.

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce will hold its Seventh Annual Convention in St. Louis, Mo. either the week of April 14th or 23th.

FLORIDA

The last of the County Agents' district group meetings will be held at Bartow, Polk county, April 1st and 2nd.

Mr. C. H. Alvord left for Florida this week where Mr. I. W. Hill, Mr. H. E. Savely and Mr. Frants P. Lund are already deeply engaged in the various lines of cooperative demonstration work.

A commercial canning plant has been installed in Florida at Moore Haven.

The Florida Horticultural Society will meet at Orlando, May 5th to 9th.

It is stated that the farmers of Seminole saved over \$7,000 by purchasing their nitrate through the Government.

GEORGIA

A Motor Farming Demonstration has been sanctioned at Macon and in some of the western states, but the tentative date for the National Motor Farming Demonstration is on July 21st, at Wichita, Kansas.

Dippings will be held at the Grady County vats on April 1st; the Union vat; on April 3rd King vat, and April 4th Spence vat.

ILLINOIS

Junior Stock Feeders' Contest begins on April 1st, at Chicago.

Mr. David O. Thompson, County agent of McLean County, has lately been chosen as the Secretary of the Illinois Agricultural Association which is a state wide organization of Illinois farm bureaus. Offices will be located in Chicago.

There was a tentative agreement made at the livestock association at Chicago to establish cooperation between livestock and packing industries. Monthly conferences at Chicago were proposed and representatives of the Bureau of Markets and National Livestock Exchange to be invited to attend.

The National Dairy Association will be held at Chicago on October 6th and 12th, International Amphitheatre. General Manager, W. E. Skinner, National Dairy Show Office, 130 N. Wells st., Chicago.

The Shorthorn Congress held at Chicago was such a great success that it is made a permanent event, and next Congress will be held the third week in February 1920.

KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Shorthorn Breeders' Association will be held at Sharpsburg May 22.

The Kentucky District News Letter states "The cooperation of teachers is a great asset to Home Demonstration and County Agent Work".

Thanks are due Secretary Carl Dodds of the Chamber of Commerce of Kentucky for a complete card index of the farmers of Mason county. These cards give the names and addresses of the farmers, location of farms, names of owners of farms and whether rented. More than 1350 names are contained in this index.

LOUISIANA

The District Home Demonstration meetings will be held at Lafayette from April 28th to May 3rd, and at Shreveport from May 5th to 10th.

The third term of the Annual Short Course began March 24th and ends June 14th.

At the Montelone Hotel, New Orleans, there will be held, on April 4th, a public hearing on revising the definitions and standards for molasses and syrups.

Mr. R. L. Sloan of Grant Parish has organized a number of farmers in cooperative buying and selling associations. Every school has been visited by this agent in the interest of food production.

MARYLAND

Plans are in progress for the Cumberland Valley Tractor demonstration on the McKee farm near Hagerstown for April 16th and 17th.

The National Farmers' Congress will meet this year at Hagerstown, next October.

The County agent, Mr. G. F. Wathen, jr., and his assistant, together with the Board of Education, has formed various agricultural clubs at the schools at Mechanicsville, Chaptico, Leonard Hall, etc.

Swift & Co., fertilizer manufacturers of Baltimore, Md., wish to secure a warehouse in Leonardtown, that they may be able to make quick deliveries of fertilizers to the farmers of that section.

Two representatives of the tobacco growers of St. Mary's county visited this city, Baltimore and Cambridge to confer with the packers' and growers' organizations in an effort to establish a fair contract price for the 1919 crop.

NEW YORK

New York will be the scene of the National Milk and Dairy Farm Exposition during the week of April 21st.

The New York State Attorney General holds the opinion that the Food Commission can make regulations to compel feed manufacturers to state the percentage of low feeding materials in their feed mixtures that the farmers may know the value of such mixtures.

We are glad to note that the College of Agriculture is cooperating with the railroads in running a "better Seed Special" through 24 counties of western New York. Two stops are made in each county.

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina is showing a wonderful record in her reports on credit unions, but little reports of decrease in cotton acreage, Oklahoma

The annual Interscholastic Meet of the Oklahoma A. & M. College at Stillwater on April 25th and 26th will give the High school students an opportunity to compete in some interesting contests for valuable prizes.

The Northeast Oklahoma Shorthorn Breeders' Association will be held at Claremore, April 2nd.

Oklahoma
~~NORTH CAROLINA~~ (cont'd)

Mr. James A. Wilson states that every county of Oklahoma will soon organize a county Farm Council to furnish the livestock committee as well as the county agent with information and literature.

Dr. Nelson proposes to carry on an educational campaign in the control of infectious and contagious diseases, especially of hog cholera, in cooperation with the county agent.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The Home Demonstration Short Course on June 5th to 19th will be held at Winthrop College, Rockhill, S. C.

South Carolina will organize separate associations for cattle raising, sheep growing and swine breeding. Mr. R. M. Cooper, jr., has been elected president of the Livestock Association.

TENNESSEE

The Home Demonstration Agents' meeting will be held at Knoxville from April 19th to 26th. Hotel accommodations will be found at Whittle Springs.

Prof. O. B. Martin is requested to attend the meeting and make an address on April 24th taking for his subject the general work, community development and organization. Miss Susie R. Gusseman of West Virginia will be present with her pictures and speak on April 21st.

The East Tennessee Farmers' Convention will be held at Knoxville from May 13th to 15th.

There will be held at Memphis, on April 2nd to 4th, a meeting of about 200 agricultural representatives of the railroads in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture. Plans are being made to resume the agricultural developments throughout the country which were curtailed to a great extent by the war. Mr. Evans and Mr. Schaub will attend.

The Farmers' Institute will be held in Tennessee on May 12th. Demonstrations in fish are desired at this time.

The first negro farm demonstration agent appointed in the country was T. M. Campbell, district agent for several Southern states, including Tennessee.

The Chattanooga Interstate Fair is the new name given to the Chattanooga District Fair held this year from September 29th to October 4th.

TEXAS

The Department of Agricultural Engineering will hold its last courses at the A. & M. College of Texas on April 28, 29; June 23, 24; and September 17, 18.

A State wide mass meeting will be called at Dallas on April 7th, the purpose being to "give the producer a voice in the distribution and price of his own product".

Mr. I. W. Hill expects to make a visit to Texas in the interest of the Boys' Club Work about May 20th. He will also visit the states of Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky during the Summer months.

TEXAS (cont'd)

The Texas Breeders' and Fanciers' Association will hold the Bronze Medal Show at Dallas on April 18 to 20th.

The Second Annual Texas State Egg show will be held at Dallas April 25 to 27th. All Home Demonstration agents are invited to take an active part.

\$25,000 has been appropriated for the Livestock department of the Texas Fair. \$15,000 of this for the Hereford division and \$10,000 for the Shorthorn. Mr. J. E. Boog-Scott of Coleman, will be superintendent of the livestock division.

VIRGINIA

The District Home Demonstration meeting will begin on the week of May 5th, the first meeting at Fredericksburg, and a meeting at Farmville on May 8th and 9th. There will be a third meeting held late in June but the place and date are not yet given. Miss Keown will be present at these meetings.

Mr. W. M. Perry, County agent, will hold a club rally April 3rd and 4th at Danville.

The Southwest Virginia Shorthorn Breeders' Association will be held at Abingdon April 3rd.

Virginia claims that a result of the club work will bring better schools and government throughout the state.

WEST VIRGINIA

The County, Club and Home Demonstration agents' conference of the Prize Winners Course will be held at Morgantown from June 9th to 13th. Mr. I. W. Hill will be an important representative of this Office.

